

Social Action

The Sanctuary Movement—CSZ Responds

"The Stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Leviticus 19:33-34

Participation in the movement to provide sanctuary for Central American Refugees has become a critical concern for this and other Jewish congregations in the Bay Area. At its recent Biennial, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of which we are a member, passed a resolution strongly supporting the role of reform congregations in this humanitarian effort. Noting the high value placed on human life and dignity in Jewish teaching, the UAHC resolution calls on American Jews to remember the lessons of our own history of persecution and flight by recognizing the need to provide refuge for the oppressed. The memories of the plight of homeless, landless Jews during the Holocaust has prompted many American Jews to find compassion for refugees from oppressive regimes in Central America.

The UAHC found the concept of sanctuary to be in keeping with Jewish tradition, United Nations conventions, and U.S. law, especially the Refugees Act of 1980, which grants asylum to any refugee demonstrating "a well founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion."

The UAHC resolution asks that this legislation be more equitably applied and that further legislation be passed to suspend the deportations of those fleeing oppressive regimes—deportations which have continued in spite of the Refugee Act and which have been selectively aimed at those fleeing El Salvador and Guatemala, regimes "friendly" to the U.S.

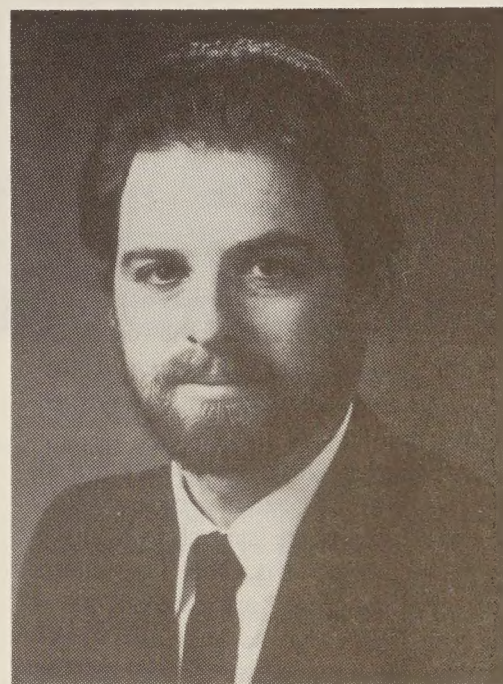
The UAHC calls upon member congregations to open their hearts and their doors to the plight of these oppressed, as

Holocaust Responsa

Rabbi Robert Kirschner, Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco, will speak at Sha'ar Zahav on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. The topic he will address is "Jewish Spiritual Resistance: Lessons Learned From the Holocaust." Rabbi Kirschner recently published *Rabbinic Responsa of the Holocaust Era*, "Responsa" being the decisions written by rabbis in reply to questions about Jewish law and practice. Rabbi Kirschner's recent book describes the background and content of responsa dating from the Nazi accession to power through the postwar period.

Many members of CSZ recall that Rabbi Kirschner gave a sermon at Kol Nidre services at Temple Emanu-El in which he called for the Jewish community to respond to AIDS. In that sermon, Rabbi Kirschner called for an AIDS Relief Fund to be established, reminding us that many of the lessons of Jewish resistance to Nazi persecution certainly apply to our community in the midst of the AIDS crisis.

Rabbi Kirschner received an A.B. in History at Stanford University and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He is preparing a doctoral dissertation for the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. Before Rabbi



Kirschner came to Congregation Emanu-El as Associate Rabbi, he served as Assistant Rabbi and educator at Congregation Beth Am in Palo Alto. He and his wife Reesa are the parents of four children.

A limited number of copies of Rabbi Kirschner's book will be available for sale at the lecture. Profits from the sale of the books will be donated to the Emanu-El AIDS Relief Fund. Please plan to attend this important event.

a moral response to the government's unjust and inhumane position. Congregations and their members are urged to provide some form of sanctuary—from legal, financial or material support to physical shelter to consciousness raising—to aid the refugees.

Many churches around the nation have already committed themselves to these approaches; some have risked legal prosecution since the U.S. government is arresting many who have taken this moral stand in opposition to administration policy. Recently, a number of synagogues have joined the sanctuary movement. The Bay Area has been especially active in this regard, with several East Bay con-

gregations and Jewish groups having adopted a sanctuary policy, including Temple Beth El (Berkeley), Temple Sinai (Oakland), Kehilla Community Synagogue (whose members provide physical sanctuary), UC Berkeley Hillel (in principle), the Aquarian Minyan, New Jewish Agenda and Beyt Chesed prayer group. Also considering sanctuary are Congregation Rodef Sholom (San Rafael), Temple Beth Abraham (Oakland), Congregation Beth Israel (Berkeley), and our sibling congregation Ahavat Shalom. A San Francisco Jewish Sanctuary Coalition and an East Bay Jewish Sanctuary Coalition have been established as well, and are working

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President's Column

Appause! Applause! for the entire Chanukah Party Committee headed by Chair Shirley Liberman, Raffle Coordinator Jay Feinstein, and Art Director Ralph Frischman. Special thanks to each person who worked so very hard to produce a spectacular and successful evening. A special article, elsewhere in this *Forward* will express Sha'ar Zahav's thanks to each of you.

The appointment of the Election Committee at the January Va'ad meeting will mark the beginning of an annual process—the nomination and election of new Officers and Va'ad members. I am asking all of you to think about the needs of our synagogue and the support you can provide. Over the next few months articles will be written about the process and how you can participate. Sha'ar Zahav can only provide services, programming and support if there is an active and involved leadership.

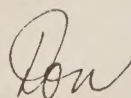
This month marks the halfway point in my term, and it's been a very rewarding time so far. But there is much to be done in the next six months. One of our major goals will be the continuation of a Building Campaign so that our newer members can have a sense of participation in "A Home of Our Own." Another major project is the Western Regional Con-

ference of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Sha'ar Zahav, Ahavat Shalom and Beth Chayim Chadashim are involved in the planning. Mark your calendars for Labor Day Weekend, 1986 for a great time at Camp Swig in Saratoga. This will be a unique opportunity to learn and celebrate with sisters and brothers from all over the western states. We expect the entire cost, including registration, lodging and food will be about \$90.00, so start saving now.

Looking outside for a moment... sometimes we forget that we are part of a larger Jewish community. Each of us should set aside a few moments to learn more about the world around us. An easy way is to ask for your free subscription to *Reform Judaism*, the quarterly magazine of the UAHC. In keeping with our policy on confidentiality, we can not send in your name without your specific approval. So, if you'd like to start receiving this informative publication, please contact Marilyn Herzberg at the office.

I hope that everyone concluded a year of joy and success, and best wishes for 1986.

Shalom,



JCF Super Sunday VI

On Sunday, February 9, Sha'ar Zahav will once again actively participate in the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties Telethon. The telethon is a major segment of the Federation's 1986 goal of raising \$18 million.

Funds raised in 1985 were distributed to many local agencies including: Jewish Family & Children's Services, Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, Menorah Park, Bureau of Jewish Education, and to various emigre services (including the settlement of Ethiopian Jews) in Israel and around the world primarily through the United Jewish Appeal and Project Renewal in Kiryat Shmona and Tel Hanan.

The telethon runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel. Volunteers are asked to register in advance, and can choose one of several three- or four-hour time slots during the day, with an addi-

tional hour beforehand for training, and fortifying yourself at the bountiful buffet supplied by the Fairmont. They mainly need volunteers to work the phones, but non-phone clerical help is also welcomed. Following training, you will also be solicited for your own pledge, since it is customary for all volunteers to have made their own pledges before asking others to give. An added incentive is that all donors of \$25 or more will receive a year's subscription to the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin*.

Every year, there are usually several Sha'ar Zahav members working each shift, so we get to enjoy each other's company as well. If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile Jewish community fundraising effort, please contact me at 641-8477.

—Ron Lezell, Chair
Social Action Committee

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All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the Synagogue office, marked to the attention of *The Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Bob Goldware (Articles Coordinator), Stephanie Hannaford (Graphics Coordinator), Jay Feinstein (Advertising Coordinator), Alex Ingersoll, Richard Inlander, Irene Ogus, Alita Rosenfeld and David Stein (general editorial and production); Laurie Davis (photos); Frank Hyman, Ben Schalit, Barry Siegel, Sam Thal and Eli Weinstein (distribution). *The Forward* is typeset by Art-spec Imaging Ltd.

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Tupperware Tryst

Do you suffer from bent rims? Have you flipped your lid lately? Don't be alarmed. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is holding a fundraising Tupperware party on Sunday, March 2nd at 345 Church Street.

Members, friends and other bon vivants are welcome. Nosh will be provided, as usual. Replenish or add to your collection of these fine kitchen storage products. You'll have fun and won't be bowled over by the prices either. Watch the February *Forward* for further details.

Chanukah Cheer For San Francisco's Elderly Jews

Ten members of the congregation spent the afternoon of Sunday, December 8th, the first full day of Chanukah, visiting Jewish residents of three nursing homes here in the city.

We met at the synagogue at noon to form groups that would go to each home, and to distribute decorations, dreidls, menorahs, candles, and songsheets. Reinforced with our holiday paraphernalia, we arrived at Central Gardens, Pine Towers, and SF Community Convalescent Center.

Our visits weren't easy. Some of us were met with confusion, complaints or indifference. We met with language barriers, eventually overcome by Paul Cohen's excellent command of Yiddish. Some of the residents didn't seem to understand, at first, why we were there. But, in every case, when we brought out the menorah, lit the candles, and sang the blessings, they reacted. Some of them reacted by smiling, some by singing with us (and not missing a word) and some with tears. Our presence was felt.

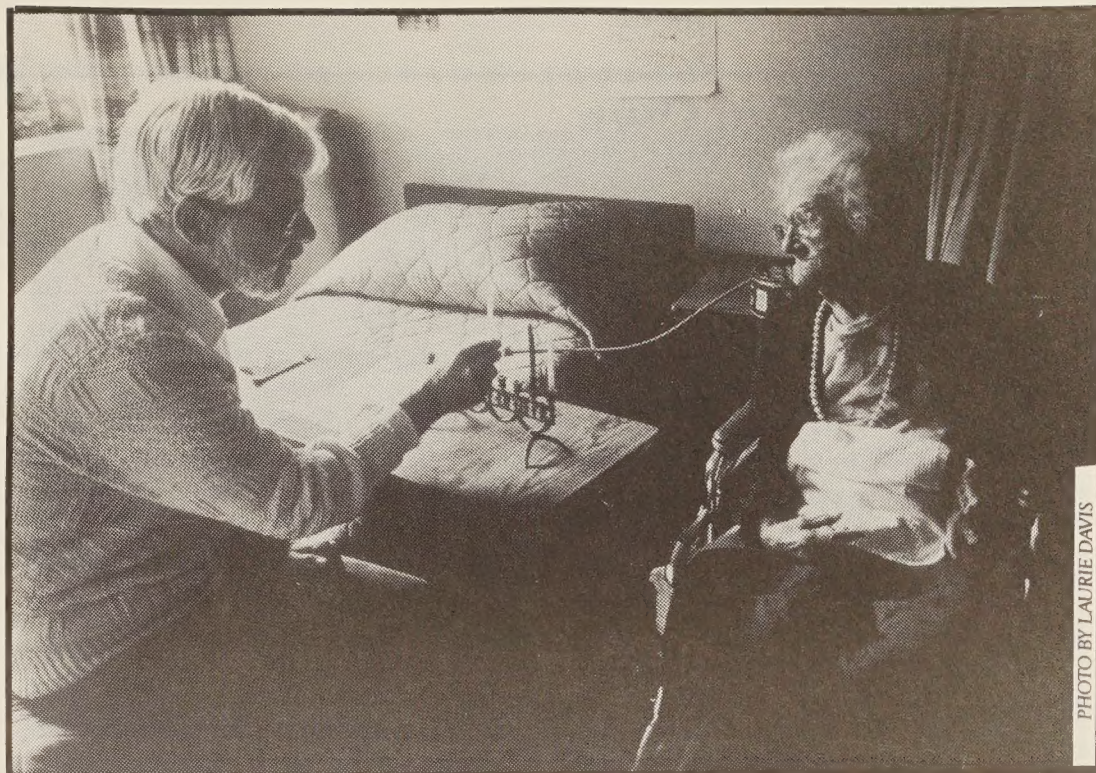


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We reassembled at the synagogue to revive ourselves with coffee and cake, and to talk about the visits and how we felt about them. Many thanks to all those who participated: Don Albert, Paul Cohen, Steve Elman, Barak Gale, Bill Goldstein, Martin Kupferman, Nancy Snow, David Stein, and special thanks to Laurie Davis

for taking pictures, interacting with the residents, and her sensitive judgment about where to be and where not to be with her camera. We aren't the only ones who made an impression. The impact of these visits will be with us for a long time.

—Leslie Bergson,
Bikkur Cholim Committee

Winter/Spring Education Series

Focus on Israel

Philanthropy... Kahaneism... the Gay/Lesbian experience in Israel—these are a few of the topics to be explored in one course in the upcoming Winter/Spring educational series being offered by Sha'ar Zahav's Education Committee.

In a series of eight one-hour classes, we will try to better understand current politics, religion, economics, attitudes and events in Israel. We will discuss these issues in order to better define our place in the Israel/Diaspora relationship. Specifically, to be explored are:

- Left-wing/right-wing/no-wing—current Israeli politics
- How Israelis view America and American Jews
- Aliyah—or, can a nice Reform Jew like me make it in Israel?
- So this is first class!—The woman's world in Israel
- The art scene, architecture, humanities—Are they alive and well?
- Technology: economics, politics, hope of the future.

Seven of the sessions will be lead by noted guest speakers.

A forum of four guest panelists (with first-hand knowledge) facilitated by a renowned moderator completes this series. Sorry, but only those registered for the entire eight sessions may attend. We have some "biggies" lined up, so register early as space will be limited.

All About Jewish Law

Our series of introductory courses on Judaism continues with "All About Jewish Law" this semester. This class will survey Jewish law from the Bible's *lex talionis* to contemporary *responsa* on medical ethics. Along the way, the class will explore the development and codification of Jewish law, discover what is and is not in the Talmud, meet Maimonides, analyze Reform Judaism's contributions to contemporary Jewish law and learn the meaning of *lex talionis*.

A Jewish Look at the Five Books: Exodus Part II

Torah study will again be a central part of our education program as Rabbi Yoel Kahn's class on the Book of Exodus continues for a second term. Enrollment in the prior term is not required to participate in this class. During this eight-week session, the class will study the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, the incident of the golden calf, and the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The traditional Jewish interpretation of the text will be examined through the commentary of Rashi, the most famous medieval Jewish commentator. Prerequisites: inquiring mind and spirit.

Classes will run for eight Tuesday evenings, beginning January 28th at 7:30 p.m. See the registration form enclosed with this issue (or call the office) for fees and further details.

A Ritual of Our Own

On Wednesday November 27th, the evening before Thanksgiving, the *yahrzeits* of Harvey Milk and George Moscone were commemorated. Following in a tradition now eight years old, the date was marked by a candlelight march down Market Street to City Hall. This year's march was different from those of previous years: this year, most marchers carried placards with the names of persons who had died of AIDS in San Francisco. After placing burning candles on the steps of City Hall, the mourners brought their placards to the Old Federal Building across the plaza, where a group of protesters had been carrying on a vigil for several weeks. The placards were rapidly affixed all over the side of the Federal Building. The result evoked the Viet Nam War Memorial in Washington—a long wall of names, people silently seeking out the names of those they knew. I found Mark Feldman's name along with others I recognized as friends and lovers of our members.

In an editorial published the day of the march, the B.A.R. recommended that this year's march be the last, since the time for mourning for George Moscone and Harvey Milk had passed. The editorial suggested that participating in the lighting of the "National Gay Christmas Tree" (sic) the next day would be more ap-

propriate to Harvey Milk's memory. But, the large crowd, the many tears, the pain and sadness in the air that evening testified to the important place and the enduring strength of this annual ritual.

What is most significant about this ritual is that it is ours. It emerged out of our own painful experiences and is rich in symbolism: the march and candles recall both the original candlelight march on the day of the assassination of Milk and Moscone; and the march and fires of the White Night riots five months later. The thousands of people walking down Market Street, stopping traffic as they go, are a visible reminder of our numbers and our refusal to let things continue "as usual." The line of the march proceeds from our "neighborhood" to the entrance of City Hall—but not inside, a physical expression of our still withheld civil rights.

Like the best of more ancient rituals, this sacred event can be expanded to encompass and mark important new events as they occur. Without dilution of its purpose or meaning, what began as a memorial march for two has become a memorial for eight hundred. The expansion of the ceremony this year strengthened its meaning. For me, the evening proved deeply cathartic. It provided for greater healing than the passing of Dan

White. This was an evening of intense prayer—the thousands present poured out anger and pain and fear and hope. And although AIDS and homophobia and senseless violence have not disappeared, I left the plaza feeling that my prayers had been heard. There was a spiritual union amongst all who were gathered; I was strengthened by my companions, the speaker and the event itself. I thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel's words: "Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will."

Gazing at the hundreds of candles on the steps of City Hall as I turned to walk home, I thought of Tisha B'Av, the day Jewish tradition has set aside to mark our people's tragedies over the centuries. The gay and lesbian community too needs a day in its annual calendar when we join together to mourn and comfort one another, a time to remember our hidden siblings throughout the ages, the martyrs of our own city and the tragic loss of so many to the epidemic which has not ended. This annual ritual should not be stopped; its ongoing observance is a special *mitzvah* for our community.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn



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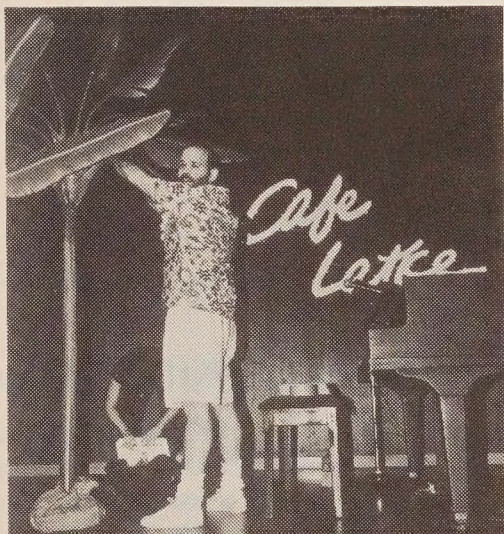
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Cafe Latke Takes A Bow

There is really no way we can sufficiently thank all the wonderfully energetic, talented, creative and industrious people who made our 1985 Chanukah Celebration a party to remember.

Cafe Latke was an undoubted success, with over 300 members and friends joining in the festivities to thoroughly enjoy the food (featuring deep-dish latkes), the dancing to music from our D.J. Monet, and the entertainment of wonderfully talented New York cabaret performer Lynn Lavner.

The many winners of the Chanukah raffle were delighted with the prizes, especially Ora Prochovnick and Rena Frantz, the lucky winners of the trip to Hawaii, donated by China Basin Travel.



Art director Ralph Frischman adjusts the banana tree

Additional prizes were provided by Shirley Liberman, De Haven Valley Farm, Wildwood Resort, Meridien Hotel, San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Frameworks, Selix Formal Wear, Ivy's Restaurant, Fillamento, All That Jazz, Pier 1 Imports, La Roca's Seafood Restaurant, Sunset Books, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco Ballet, The Animal Company, Leticia's Restaurant, City Island Clothing, Kimball's Restaurant, Sweet Inspiration, De Nevi Camera, and Nuts To You. Thanks to all.

An enormous round of applause goes to Jay Feinstein, raffle coordinator, whose efforts resulted in a welcome assist to the CSZ budget, and to Ralph Frischman, under whose talented direction the Medical Society auditorium was magically transformed into an exciting cabaret theater.



This transformation was made possible through the donations of decor props by David Stein, Bob Hartmann and Richard Lindenberg. Thanks also to Randy Schiller for the sound and music system.

Assisting in creating all the excitement of the evening were committee members Sen Talley, Rosalinda del Moral, Catherine Wisniewski, Tiela Chalmers, Yoram Gal, Leslie Bergson and Francie McGowan. Thanks also to the Va'ad members for serving the food and to all the volunteers who gave up their time on the day itself, including our "latke brigade": Stan Mandel, Steve Elman, David Kotch, George Lucas, David Stein, Rick Crane, Frank Hyman and Lawney Baldwin.

The silent auction raised over \$1,200 towards the General Fund. Our thanks to

those contributing goods and services to the auction, including: Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Alex Ingersoll and David Stein, Sen Talley, Eric Keitel, Neil Hart, Ralph Frischman and David Stein, Yoram Gal, Rosalinda del Moral, Allan Gold, Marilyn Hertzberg, Irene Ogus, Don Albert, Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Mirtha Beal, Steve Elman, Steve Greenberg, Robert Simon, the Cookbook Project, and Michael Erceg.

Coming next will be Megillah Madness IV on Saturday, March 22nd. Planning will start shortly, so please give me a call if you'd like to get in on the excitement of creating the next gala Sha'ar Zahav social event.

—Shirley Liberman,
Social Program Chair



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Spotlight on...

Tiela Chalmers

At 7:00 a.m. last Gay Freedom Day a pint-sized figure sat patiently on the steps of City Hall waiting for delivery of the knishes we were selling that day. Despite an early start Tiela Chalmers was still dancing around the Sha'ar Zahav booth and joking with the customers at 4:00 p.m.

Tiela arrived in San Francisco just three years ago from her erstwhile home in the Midwest. As the daughter of a college professor, home has been many more exotic places than Illinois and Michigan. She's lived in India, Malaysia and Singapore where she learned to cook up a mean curry.



She discovered our congregation through an ad in *Coming Up*. When she attended Yom Kippur services with us for the first time she says the experience was "so exciting—it made me so nervous." Her eclectic religious background causes some confusion. Not surprising considering her paternal grandfather was a Baptist minister while her maternal zayde founded an ultra-orthodox shul in Yonkers, N.Y.! Right now she wants to feel more involved in Judaism and has recently joined the Ritual Committee and hopes that through her work there she can "figure it all out." Tiela is an avid reader and loves to play folk songs on her guitar. Last September she ran half a marathon and, naturally, has her "sights on a full one."

This apparently limitless energy will serve her well as she enters her last semester at Hastings Law College and as she continues as an active behind-the-scenes volunteer with our congregation.

Tiela is just one of the many volunteers who help keep Sha'ar Zahav going. Our thanks to all of you.

UAHC Offers Basic Judaism Course

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) will be offering a seventeen week course, entitled "Introduction to Judaism." The classes will be held in San Francisco, in cooperation with the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin County, and Sonoma County.

The course begins on January 14th, and will be taught by several Bay Area rabbis. Classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the San Francisco Bureau of Jewish Education, 639-14th Avenue.

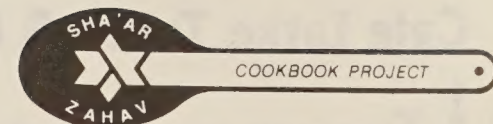
The course focuses on life cycle events and holidays, and includes practical experiences such as a model seder, shabbat observance, and other activities. The curriculum has been developed by Lydia Kukoff and Rabbi Stephen Einstein, and is widely used throughout the United States. The course may be of special interest to intermarried couples, those contemplating conversion to Judaism, as well as to persons seeking to refresh or obtain a basic Jewish education.

The cost for this program is \$100 for members of UAHC congregations, and \$125 for non-members, plus \$55 for books and materials (subject to change according to the cost of publications). [Some scholarship funds are available to CSZ members; please contact Rabbi Kahn.] For further information and registration, contact Pamela Eiselman at the UAHC office, 703 Market Street, Suite 1300, or telephone 392-7080.

Ensemble Brings Cheer

On December 10th, members of the CSZ Ensemble provided the musical entertainment at the annual Chanukah Party for the clients of the volunteer bureau of the San Francisco Jewish Family & Children's Services. Consisting mostly of elderly or disabled persons, the clients participated in sing-alongs of Chanukah favorites and were treated to the Ensemble's harmonic renditions of Shalom Aleichem, Maoz Tsur, Mi Yemaleil, Im Tirtzu and Shalom Al Yisrael.

Thanks to Harvey Bartnof (on guitar), Leslie Bergson, David Gelman, Eric Keitel, Ron Lezell, Jonathan Mesinger, Nancy Meyer, Susan Unger and Dana Vinicoff (conductor) for brightening the holiday of the senior citizens.



What's Cooking At Our House

The CSZ Cookbook project is underway and is actively seeking recipes. Your recipes—that delicious dish your mother prepared on special occasions, that scrap of paper you have tucked away which reveals, in your grandmother's handwriting, the family secret for flawless gefilte fish, or that delectable dish you bring to brunch that always draws raves.

The magic of our cookbook will be found in how it reflects us. By combining the very best recipes of our extended family, we will create an inviting book that shares the joy of what's cookin' at our house. Be a part of it! Blank recipe forms are available at the synagogue office.

—Susan Unger, Chief Cook

Grants for AIDS Support

The "Phooey on AIDS Fund" was started three years ago by member Mark Feldman. Since that time it has been the channel for Sha'ar Zahav's financial support to members in need, and to the community at large. Each year, at Chanukah time, the Va'ad reviews the Fund. If the balance in the account allows, grants are awarded to various organizations.

This year we have been fortunate. Our members and friends have continued to designate contributions to the Fund. The President selected an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Sharyn Saslaffsky and Rabbi Kahn, and asked for recommendations for grant awards to be approved at the December Va'ad meeting.

Sha'ar Zahav is pleased to report that \$500 has been disbursed to each of the following programs:

- Shanti Project, for training volunteers
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation, for the food bank
- National Gay Rights Advocates, for their AIDS anti-discrimination work

We are proud that we had the chance to return \$1,500 to our community during this holiday season.

—Don Albert

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	East Bay Lunch Bunch 861-6932	Educ. Night 7:30pm			Services 815pm Sanctuary Evening (Post-Oneg)	

Ritual Calendar

Friday, January 3

Parshah: Shemot, Ex. 1:1-6:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 26:6-28, 29:22-23

Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Nancy Meyer,
Services

Friday, January 10

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh (the New Moon)

Parshah: Va-Era, Ex. 6:2-9:35

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

Tiela Chalmers and Eric Keitel,
Services

Friday, January 17

Parshah: Bo, Ex. 10:1-13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Leslie Bergson and Richard Inlander,
Services

Friday, January 24

Tu b'Shevat (New Year for the Trees) - Shabbat Shirah

Parshah: Be'shallah, Ex. 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Bill Schlichter and Daniel Chesir,
Services

Saturday, January 25

Shabbat Morning Services, 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Services

Friday, January 31

Parshah: Yitro, Ex. 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5

Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Sue Douglass,
Services

February Preview

Friday, February 7

Parshah: Mishpatim, Ex. 21:1-24:18

Haftarah: Samuel 20:18-42

Susan Unger, Services

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Spring Semester Hebrew Classes

Starting Thursday, January 16, City College of San Francisco will be offering Beginning, Advanced Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew courses at the Castro-Valencia campus (Everett Middle School) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is available at the door on the first night. There are also tentative plans to offer an Advanced Hebrew class next fall if there is sufficient interest—please contact Rabbi Kahn if you are interested.

More High Holy Day Appeal Contributors

A list of High Holy Day contributors appeared in the December *Forward*. The following is a list of additional contributors (with the final wrap-up to appear in the February issue). Our thanks to all.

Allan Altman	Joan Lefkowitz
Peter Barnes	Eileen Lynette
Paul Blanc	Donald Magruder
Linda Boonshoft	Austin Marble
Allen Brandstein	Lauren Meshel
Shelley Brauer	& Gigi Cohen
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Michael Goldman	Niccki Sachs
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Robert Gutterman	David Shear
Kim Harmon	Ralph Singer
Gail Harris	Gloria Sparrow
Lesley Harris	Michael Taller
Peggy Keranen	Pnina Tobin
Fran Kipnis	Mark Vogel
Sheri Koshover	

Birthdays

8	Garry Koenigsberg
12	Tiela Chalmers
19	Mike Rankin
19	Yolande Schneeman
20	Pamela Singer
21	Stephen Rosenbaum
22	Ronald Gertz
25	Beth Berkelhammer
25	Lisa Daniel
25	Neil Hart
26	Marilyn Hertzberg
27	Elliot Klein
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30	Aaron Cooper
30	Joseph Lawson

Watercolors at Magnes

Confined to a single room for nearly a year during the Nazi occupation of Poland, eight-year-old Nelly Toll protected herself from the surrounding terror through the creation of the 60 vibrant paintings that constitute "Without Surrender: Watercolors by Nelly Toll" on exhibit through March 2 at the Judah L. Magnes Museum. The young girl, sheltered with her mother by Christian friends in Lvov, Poland, fashioned a world of extraordinarily realistic scenes from everyday events within the hideout from glimpses through one curtained window, from remembered details of pre-Holocaust life and stories her mother told.

The Magnes Museum is located at 2911 Russell Street in Berkeley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday, closed Jewish and legal holidays.

Yahrzeits

	Chris Woodmansee, Friend of Naomi Baran
	Glenn Childress, Brother of Joyce Amburgey
1	(20 Tevet) Jack W. Heller, Father of Hal Heller
5	Joseph Glassberg, Uncle of David Glassberg
5	Isidore Korngold, Grandfather of Chaya Spector
5	(24 Tevet) Avrum Yakoov Berenstein, Grandfather of Allan Berenstein
11	Bill Chalmers, Father of Tiela Chalmers
13	Marion Howes, Grandmother of Marion Trentman
13	Morris Gabay, Father of Ed Gabay
13	(3 Shevat) Sol Weinstein, Father of Eli Weinstein
14	Sam Shaber, Brother of David Shaber
15	Rose Bud Macks, Grandmother of Judy Macks
15	(5 Shevat) Max Rosenstein, Father of Jerry Rosenstein
17	Jordan Flyer, Father of Pam Singer
20	Ralph Douglass, Father of Sue Douglass
20	Anna Kimerling, Grandmother of Allyce Kimerling
20	Sophie Sagorsky, Grandmother of Marc Lipschutz
22	(12 Shevat) Clare Schmidt, Grandmother of Don Albert
24	Lea Katz, Aunt of David Glassberg
25	Lev Liberman, Father of Gershon Lieberman
28	Estelle Lieberman, Mother of Deborah Lieberman and Wife of Gershon Lieberman
29	(19 Shevat) Abraham Hoffman, Father of Arlene Hoffman
31	Phillip Kalis, Father of Betty Kalis
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Western Regional Conference Slated

Mark your calendars now! Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, along with four of our sibling congregations, will be co-sponsoring the first Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews at Camp Swig on August 29-31, 1986.

Camp Swig is operated by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and is nestled in the majestic Santa Cruz Mountains. The 200-acre site is located four miles from Saratoga (that's down near San Jose for you folks who don't get out of the City much!) in magnificent redwood groves with superb vistas and clear mountain air.

In addition to the inspiring atmosphere, Camp Swig provides a place where we can feel comfortable as Jews. The grounds include a beautiful sanctuary where we will conduct our Shabbat services, as well as other enticing attributes such as an outdoor heated pool.

We're very excited about the weekend because it will allow people to participate in an exciting weekend of gay Jewish activities, without traveling far from home. We plan on providing interesting programming including workshops, panel discussions and entertainment that is sure to make the weekend very fulfilling for those who attend.

More details will be forthcoming in the months ahead. Be sure to read more about it in next month's *Forward*. Anyone who is interested in joining the planning committee for this event can contact me at 239-8180.

—Eric Keitel

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our Congregation gained eight new members in November. A warm welcome to new members:

Ellen Elias & Susan Ciancimino
Lisa Katz & Lisa Brand
Michael McCormick
Ora Prochovnick & Rena Frantz
Nathan Robinson
Beth Rachel

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Va'ad Report

The Va'ad met, as always, on the second Monday of the month (December 9) in the Oneg room. Rabbi Kahn led us in the lighting of the Chanukah candles and then suggested that we focus on the rededication aspect of the festival, pointing out the need for support and nurturing of ourselves as well as members of the community at large.

President Don Albert reported that the money we collected for the Jewish Home in memory of Rabbi Ben Marcus will be used to provide bookcases as a memorial to him there. Treasurer Betty Kalis presented a detailed report of income and expenses for the month of October and reminded the Board that the bulk of our income is received at the beginning of the year, making close monitoring of expenditures for the rest of the fiscal year crucial.

Rabbi Kahn reported that he has had a number of speaking engagements over the past few months before such diverse audiences as the Oakland Jewish Community Center and the Metropolitan Community Church. Mike Rankin, our extremely active UAHC representative, showed the Va'ad copies of *Reform Judaism* and *Moment*, each of which contained articles authored by Mike about our synagogue and its response to the AIDS crisis. Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, the board approved nine new members.

Eric Keitel, who is chairing the Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, which Sha'ar Zahav will co-sponsor, gave the board an update on this exciting event.

Following CSZ tradition, the Va'ad approved donations in the form of Chanukah gifts of \$500 to three local

organizations. This year we are giving to: Shanti Project, to support training of volunteers; the AIDS Foundation, for the food bank; and National Gay Rights Advocates, to help fight discrimination against people with AIDS.

The balance of the meeting consisted of reports from the various committees which provide the variety of interesting, exciting and worthwhile activities for members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav, and which are reported in detail elsewhere in this issue of *The Forward*.

Please remember that all members are welcome to attend and participate in the Va'ad meetings. Your elected leadership values your input about synagogue affairs. The next meeting will be the second Monday in January (the 13th), in the Oneg Room, at 6:30 p.m. See you there.

—Richard Inlander, Recorder

Oneg Sponsors

During the month of November, Friday night Onegs were sponsored by the following generous people and animals:

November 15—Tang, Tammuz, Paprikash and Sydney, in honor of Leslie Bergson and Nanci Stern's second anniversary.
November 22—Madeline Philips provided flowers and sponsored the Oneg in honor of naming of her grandson Joshua Lawrence Kennedy Rose.

November 29—Anonymous donor.

All you have to do to sponsor an Oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an Oneg is \$50 (partial sponsorship available) or you can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

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So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Aunt Yente,

I always enjoy reading your column, but I have a guilty confession: I don't always understand what you are talking about. I don't mean the way you put sentences together; that usually makes sense after a while. But all those Yiddish words? I know all Jews should speak Yiddish, but my family never did—so sue me! Can you give us non-Yiddish speakers any help?

Trying to Be Ethnic on Taraval

Dear Trying,

Azoy tzu dine Tante Yente hust du geshriben? Oy! Excuse please your Aunt Yente. So shocked was Aunt Yente to hear someone say "all Jews should speak Yiddish" that she had a language relapse. Usually, people write to tell her that all Jews should forget about Yiddish and concentrate on pronouncing Hebrew like Ariel Sharon. A pleasant change, your letter is, you understand, but a bit surprising.

Aunt Yente can't agree with you, though, that all Jews should speak Yiddish. Aunt Yente, of course, speaks Yiddish, because she is, well, Aunt Yente. (You would expect someone named Yente to speak maybe Gaelic?) All Jews from northern Europe generally have some Yiddish connection as part of their heritage; and even other Jews should know a little something from Yiddish simply because it is an important part of our history and culture.

But, kinderlach, not the only one! Many, many Jews from Mediterranean areas speak Ladino, a dialect of Spanish spelled with Hebrew letters (just like Yiddish is a dialect of German spelled with Hebrew letters). Also, Italian Jews had a version of Italian that was written like Hebrew. You should remember that centuries ago, it was not usual for everyday people to read and write. Jews, on the other hand, usually did learn to read and write Hebrew so that they could pray and study. So, it makes sense that Jews would come up with their own versions of the everyday language of their country, written like Hebrew.

So maybe you should learn a little Ladino as well as a little Yiddish; our mishpochoh lives in many places, and we can learn from all. Aunt Yente, however, can only help with the Yiddish part, but here she's willing to try. What follows is the YPDYDL:

Yente's Partial Dictionary of Yiddish Dialect and Language

Nu—"so" as in "This is all they pay Aunt Yente for each column? Nu? What can you expect from such people?"

eppes—"so" as in "This is all they pay Aunt Yente for each column? Eppes, what can you expect from such people?"

takke—"so" as in "This is all they pay Aunt Yente for each column? Takke! What can you expect from such people?"

azoy—"so" as in "This is all they pay Aunt Yente for each column? That is azoy cheap."

kleine—"small" or "inadequate" as in [Think of your own example. Then write your newsletter editor].

frumm—traditionally observant in ritual matters.

Aunt Yente has observed that there are only three types of Jews: The "crazy frumm", who are more observant than we are and thus carry things to extremes; the "good Jews", who are exactly as observant as we are; and the "regular goyim", who are less devout than we are. The middle category is usually very small.

daven—to pray, with feeling.

Shabbisdik—appropriate for Shabbos.

Shabbos—the way Aunt Yente's kind of Jew pronounces what the hotsy-totsy call "Shabbat".

Yontifdik—appropriate for Yontif.

Yontif—Aunt Yente's preferred pronunciation for "yom tov", holiday.

halacha—the binding, usually rabbinic, ruling on a point of religious law. Also, all such rulings taken together. (And once you have taken them all together, you can go and... Never mind. Aunt Yente will try to be more tolerant.)

oysepatchket—overly involved and complicated. Readers of Aunt Yente's column will not generally need this word.

naarishkiet—foolishness, silliness, as in "Why are you reading that naarishkeit when you could be writing a letter to your Aunt Yente."

lebedik—lively, as in "Aunt Yente is on her way to Puerto Rico, and she expects there to be azoy lebedik!"

You have maybe some other words you don't understand? So (all together now):

Write Your Aunt Yente a Letter.

Aunt Yente

Aunt Yente will answer all your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters. Just write to Aunt Yente in care of *The Forward*, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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SF Community Museum

Barry Moser's new fine press edition of *The Diary of Anne Frank*—and the ten original etchings and aquatints of San Francisco artist Joseph Goldyne that illustrate the book—will be the first major exhibit of 1986 at the Jewish Community Museum of San Francisco. The exhibition, which also includes the notes, sketches, plates and monotypes that show the evolution of Goldyne's images, opens January 10th and will run through March 30th.

The exhibition will be open to the public Sunday through Friday, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at the Jewish Community Museum, 121 Steuart Street. Admission is free. For more information, call 543-8880.

Lunch Bunch Regroups

Members and friends who live or work in the East Bay are invited to a meeting of the "East Bay Lunch Bunch" on Monday, January 27, at the Boksen Restaurant, 710 Webster St. at 7th in downtown Oakland. In the past, a group of members and friends have met on a monthly basis at different East Bay restaurants. Rabbi Yoel Kahn will join the gathering and plans will be made for future meetings. Whether the "Lunch Bunch" meetings will be an occasion for a nice meal with pleasant company, become an ongoing study group or even assume some other format is up to the participants. Please RSVP to the Synagogue Office by Thursday, January 23, if you will be coming.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in *The Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past month by the following contributors:

General Fund

Walt Leiss

Seth Shapiro in honor of Rabbi Ben Marcus

Jerry Rosenstein in honor of Cheryl Orvis in hopes of her speedy recovery

Paul Cohen, Bob Guterman and the Education Committee in memory of Jonathan Schwartz's father

Jeffrey Graham with best wishes (Yasher Koakh).

Prayerbook Fund

Jonathan Funk with wishes for a speedy recovery to Cheryl Orvis

The Ritual Committee in gratitude to Terry Rothchild for her work and her wonderful spirit

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Walt Leiss as a token of his appreciation for the Aliyah he is honored with yearly on Yom Kippur.

Social Action Fund

Raquel Gamez and Alice Perlman in memory of Albert Stein.

AIDS Fund

David Shaber in honor of Rabbi Kahn's Kol Nidre sermon

Rabbi Margaret Moers Wenig and Robert Rubenstein, M.D. in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn's Kol Nidre sermon.

Torah Fund

Betty Kalis and Marion Trentman in honor of Albert Stein and Rabbi Ben Marcus

Don Albert in appreciation of all the hard working people on the Chanukah party planning committee and with wishes for a speedy recovery to Allan Berenstein.

Library Fund

Rob Tat in memory of Jonathan Schwartz's father, Morris

Gordon Osser in memory of his father's yahrzeit.

Anniversaries

- 1 Paul Schwartz and Philip Gomez
- 10 Bill Schlichter and Scott Porter
- 19 Sue Douglass and Allyce Kimerling

Sanctuary Movement (Continued from page 1)

within broader coalitions with support from the American Jewish Congress and UAHC.

The sanctuary movement has not been without controversy. Dissenting voices in the adopting congregations have brought up issues of legality, priorities, and political ideology. But there has been overwhelming support for sanctuary, in concept if not in practice. One of the more controversial aspects has been the push to get local governments to declare their jurisdictions "sanctuary cities," a policy advocated in the UAHC resolution. As we go to press, San Francisco's supervisors are considering making this a "city of sanctuary," following the lead of Berkeley, which was one of the first cities to forbid the police and other public officials from assisting agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in investigating or arresting Central American refugees. Other cities—St. Paul MN, Cambridge MA, Madison WI, Takoma Park MD, Burlington VT, Ithaca NY, Olympia WA, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City have adopted policies which establish sanctuary in varying degrees from full refuge to symbolic non-cooperation with the INS.

Our own congregation has been considering the sanctuary issue for some time now and, at a special November 14th meeting, the Social Action Committee took up the discussion and agreed to recommend a course of action to the Va'ad and the Congregation. Consensus was reached that sanctuary is in keeping with Jewish tradition, Reform practice and our congregational bylaws. Rabbi Kahn reminded the committee of the mitzvot of

welcoming the stranger and redeeming the captive as fundamental communal obligations. The Social Action Committee, in its recommendation, advocates the following priorities:

- educating the Congregation on the issue;
- congregational endorsement of the sanctuary movement and our members' active involvement in it;
- participation in the various coalitions around this issue, within the limits of our human resources;
- taking an active role in lobbying and advocacy; and
- working to raise funds for a one-time contribution to the revolving loan bond fund to aid a single refugee.

Actual sponsorship of a refugee family was deemed beyond our resources and inappropriate under our present circumstances.

The Social Action Committee is planning a special "sanctuary evening" on January 31st. Following Shabbat services, there will be a panel discussion with visiting speakers involved in the issue from a variety of perspectives, perhaps including a representative from the refugee community. The goal of the event is to foster greater awareness within the Congregation about the plight of the refugees and its relation to us as Jews, as gays and lesbians, and as a congregation. Committee members feel it is important to take action as a congregation fairly soon to preserve our place at the forefront of those committed to working for social justice in the Jewish tradition.

—Jonathan Mesinger
with Ami Zussman

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The Synagogue Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. At other times, please leave a phone message.

Emergency Number: In an emergency situation, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Caselli at Danvers, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market Streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus no. 33 (Ashbury line) to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 p.m., with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. – check calendar for each month.

Member Union of American Hebrew Congregations and World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Brotherhood Rides Again



Brotherhood Steering Committee

After too long a sabbatical, the Brotherhood is once again in gear. At a fast paced and fun meeting of the new Brotherhood Steering Committee, some of the best social minds in Sha'ar Zahav have planned a calendar of "For Men Only" events that will begin in January and occur every other month. Our first event will be a "New York" brunch on Sunday, February 2nd, along with a visit to The Judah Magnes Museum and The Western Jewish History Archives. For further information and to reserve a place, call David Gass at 567-7654 or Don Albert at 641-5113. That event will be followed in March by a Pizza and Bowling night.

Men of Sha'ar Zahav unite! And in the meantime keep your eyes and ears peeled for further articles, flyers and details in the newsletter and during Friday night announcements. Join in and eat, laugh, eat, travel, eat, exercise, eat, be entertained, eat, meet new friends, eat, meet old friends, eat and bring guests.

—David Shaber

*MEN,
COME OUT WITH US*

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS BRUNCH
AND VISIT TO THE JUDAH L MAGNES
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THE BROTHERHOOD

Sunday
February 2, 1986
10:30 A.M.

At the home of David Gass and Alan Gold, 424 Central,
near Fell in San Francisco.

The brunch will be supplied for \$5.00. If you have a
car please bring it so we can carpool to the museum in
Berkeley. There will be a tour of the Judah L Magnes
Museum and Western Jewish History Center at 2:00 P.M.
Following the tour there will be a lecture about the
archives that should last until about 5:00 P.M.

Please call to confirm your attendance: David Gass
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Looking forward to seeing the men of the congregation
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After Services, at the Synagogue
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Services start at 8:15 p.m.)

"You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers
in the land of Egypt." (Deut. 10:20)

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LABORATORY

1. The purpose of this experiment is to determine the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction between hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide. The reaction is as follows:

$$2H_2O_2(aq) + 2KI(aq) \rightarrow 2H_2O(l) + 2KOH(aq) + I_2(aq)$$

2. The rate of reaction was measured by the time taken for a fixed volume of iodine to be produced, which was then reacted with a fixed volume of sodium thiosulfate. The reaction between iodine and sodium thiosulfate is as follows:

$$I_2(aq) + 2Na_2S_2O_3(aq) \rightarrow 2NaI(aq) + Na_2S_4O_6(aq)$$

3. The results of the experiment are shown in the table below:

Temperature (°C)	Time taken for iodine to be produced (s)
10	120
20	60
30	30
40	15

4. The results show that the rate of reaction increases with temperature. This is because the molecules have more kinetic energy and are therefore more likely to collide with sufficient energy to overcome the activation energy barrier.

WINTER 1986 EDUCATION NIGHT AT SHA'AR ZAHAV

Tuesdays, January 29 through March 19, 1986

All About Jewish Law

Instructor: Rabbi Yoel Kahn
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Our series of introductory courses on basic Judaism continues. This class will survey Jewish law from the Bible's lex talionis to contemporary responsa on medical ethics. Along the way, the class will explore the development and codification of Jewish law, discover what is and is not in the Talmud, meet Maimonides, analyze Reform Judaism's contributions to contemporary Jewish law and learn the meaning of lex talionis.

Focus on Israel

Instructor: Guest Lecturers
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This seminar will be taught by guest lecturers and panelists. Each week a new topic focused on Israel is presented. The list of topics includes: forum on Gay and Lesbian life in Israel, aliyah and what Reform Jews are doing in Israel, political and social dynamics in Israeli society, right-wing and left-wing political movements, modern development in Israel, and how Israelis view America.

Social Refreshment Break

8:30 - 8:45 p.m.

A Jewish Look at the Five Books: Exodus Part II

Instructor: Rabbi Yoel Kahn
8:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Torah study will again be a central part of our education program. Prior Enrollment in Part I of the course is not required. The class will study the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, the incident of the golden calf, and the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The traditional Jewish interpretations of the text will be examined through the commentary of Rashi, the most famous medieval Jewish commentator. Hebrew reading is not required for this course, but an inquiring mind and spirit are prerequisites.

General Information: All classes are scheduled to meet at the synagogue. There is a registration fee of \$5 per semester. Advance registration is required by Friday, January 24. Return the form below to the synagogue with your payment.

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Class 1: All About Jewish Law	____ Free	____ \$20.
Class 2: Focus on Israel	____ \$20.	____ \$30.
Class 3: A Jewish Look at the Five Books	____ Free	____ \$20.

Subtotal:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Semester Registration Fee:	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____

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WINTER 1988 EDUCATION NIGHT AT EMMA'S TAHAIA

Thursday, January 20, 1988

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Location: Emma's Tahaia

All School Family Line

The purpose of this evening is to provide information to the community about the school and the children. We will have a presentation by the school principal, a presentation by the children, and a presentation by the parents. We will also have a presentation by the school board.

Topic: School Information
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Focus on School

The school will be open to the community and the children. We will have a presentation by the school principal, a presentation by the children, and a presentation by the parents. We will also have a presentation by the school board.

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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A Special Event at the School - Emma's Tahaia

The school will be open to the community and the children. We will have a presentation by the school principal, a presentation by the children, and a presentation by the parents. We will also have a presentation by the school board.

Guests are invited to the school. We will have a presentation by the school principal, a presentation by the children, and a presentation by the parents. We will also have a presentation by the school board.

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